

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting
December 2, 2009
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
9:30 a.m.

Members present

Hugh Hall, DVM
Needham Bateman, DVM
Henry Bohn, DVM
Jan Hines, DVM
Charles Lance
Beckey Malphus, DVM

Others present

Amelia Baker, Senior Assistant Attorney General
R. Bruce Hollett, DVM, UGA
Anita Martin
Carol White
Scott Piper, GVMA
Shawn LaGrua, SOS OIG

Open Session

President Hill established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2009 board meeting. – Dr. Hines made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Dr. Malphus seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses to ratify – Dr. Hines made a motion to ratify the list of licenses, Mr. Lance seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

License Number	Name	License Type
VET008151	Lockwood, Allison Marie	Veterinarian
VET008152	Bentley, Joshua Davis	Veterinarian
VET008153	Kinsella, Sherrie Diane	Veterinarian
VET008154	King, Daniel	Veterinarian
VET008155	Mackey, Richard Wayne	Veterinarian
VET008156	Easterwood, Judson Steven	Veterinarian
VET008157	Pasko, Amber Downs	Veterinarian
VET008158	Myran, Reece Melvin	Veterinarian
VET008159	Jenks, Qiana Michelle	Veterinarian
VET008160	Sakals, Sherisse	Veterinarian
VET008161	Reidlinger, Sandra Lynne	Veterinarian
VET008162	Mason, Desiree Lynn	Veterinarian
VET008163	Cronin, Kimberly Lynn	Veterinarian

VET008164	Mozisek, Stacy Nipper	Veterinarian
VET008165	Lothridge, Anneke Heil	Veterinarian
VET008166	Reisdorff, Paula Marie	Veterinarian
VET008167	Fisher, Joanne Louise	Veterinarian
VET008168	Jenkins, Joe Boy	Veterinarian
VETF000597	Gharaibeh, Saad Mahmoud	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000598	Ellis, Roger Warren	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000599	Pinto-Hernandez, Nelson Ivan	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000600	Lawrence, Jessica Ann	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000601	Moorhead, Andrew Riddell	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000602	Holmes, Shannon Pearson	Veterinary Faculty
VETT001134	Violetti, Zena S	Veterinary Technician
VETT001135	Gallagher, Sherri Jo	Veterinary Technician
VETT001136	Harrod, Loretta Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT001137	Palffy, Seth Victor	Veterinary Technician
VETT001138	Mungarndee, Kanchana Prasatsuwan	Veterinary Technician
VETT001139	Roman, Vanessa Ramona	Veterinary Technician
	Reinstatements	
VET007323	Maddox, Jenna	Veterinarian
VET001521	Pitts, Carl	Veterinarian
VET004790	Wendel, Pamela	Veterinarian
VETT000778	Seiler, Chelsea	Veterinary Technician

Request from Sharon Folson to terminate probation from Public Consent Order, docket number 2007-0725. Dr. Bohn made a motion to approve once verification with the Tennessee Board that her Board Order is resolved. Mr. Lance seconded the motion and it was unanimous.

Consideration to post Board Rule 700-7-.03 and Board Rule 700-7-.04. Dr. Malphus made a motion to post. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

700-7-.03 Continuing Veterinary Education.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine in accordance with the provisions of State Law and for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards for continuing education in the best interest of and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare hereby adopts the following rule:

(a) General Requirements:

1. Each veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Georgia must obtain thirty (30) hours of Board approved continuing education per biennium for license renewal. Effective January 1, 2009, of the thirty (30) hours required, two (2) per renewal period must be acquired in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism. Of the two (2) hours; one (1) must be acquired in person. Georgia licensees who reside outside of the State of Georgia are not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
2. At the time of license renewal, each veterinarian shall certify to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal.

3. A veterinarian licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education. A veterinarian licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire thirty (30) hours is required for each renewal.
4. In the event that a veterinarian fails to verify or submit documentation of continuing education credits at the same time of renewal of his/her license, the Board will not process his/her renewal until continuing education requirements have been met and proof of such has been received and approved by the Board.
5. A veterinarian may not carry over continuing education credits from one biennium license renewal period to the next.
6. Each veterinarian must maintain a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of such hours for a period of three years from the date of the preceding renewal period and must provide the Board with said documentation upon request.
7. Veterinarians who attend programs where more than one course is taught must maintain proof of the courses attended and the number of hours awarded for each course.

(b) Approved Continuing Education Programs and Hours:

1. Blanket approval is awarded to any National, State and International veterinary association meetings, United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture sponsored meeting, Board Certified Specialties programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, all ~~Veterinary School~~ AVMA accredited veterinary college or school sponsored classes and programs, all AAVSB RACE approved programs, any GVMA constituent organization programs, AAHA programs, programs sponsored by the United States or Southern Animal Health Association and any course approved by another state board. Blanket approval does not apply to any continuing education programs on Georgia laws, rules and professionalism. Prior approval must be granted for any courses not offered by a blanket approved organization.

2. Upon specific request, continuing education courses may be approved by the Board whenever the sponsor provides information with respect to the practice of veterinary medicine. Such requests shall include the following:

- (i) a detailed course outline or syllabus;
- (ii) a current curriculum must be provided for each speaker or lecturer;
- (iii) the procedure to be used for recording attendance;
- (iv) the number of continuing education hours for which the course sponsor requests approval.

3. ~~Prior approval must be granted for any courses not offered by a blanket approved organization.~~

4. Credit hours may be earned as follows:

- (i) One (1) hour may be given for each 50 minutes of contact time. Seminars are composed of lectures or labs; welcoming remarks, business sessions, unstructured demonstrations or degree programs are not considered seminars.
- (ii) Not more than three (3) hours can be for veterinary audio review. Three (3) hours can be for journal studies where follow-up testing is required. Fifteen (15) hours of interactive computer generated courses will be allowed. Follow-up testing is required.
- (iii) Not more than five (5) hours for hospital management.
- (iv) A maximum of twenty (20) hours will be allowed for any one meeting
- (v) A maximum of twelve (12) hours will be allowed per calendar day.
- (vi) A maximum of six (6) hours for veterinarians can be acquired through in house training at the licensees' place of employment.
- (vii) A maximum of ten (10) hours can be acquired through in house training for veterinary faculty at AVMA accredited institutions.

(c) Continuing Education Audit:

1. During the renewal period, the Board staff will randomly select up to 25% of its

licensees to audit for continuing education compliance. If selected for continuing education audit, each licensee must submit continuing education records to meet the renewal requirements for that license renewal period.

(d) Provider and Sponsor Criteria: All providers and sponsors must provide the following information to the Board if they have not been awarded blanket approval:

1. Each sponsor or provider shall have an administrator whose responsibility is to maintain the criteria for quality in programming.
 2. Providers shall use qualified personnel to develop and present the programs, which shall utilize appropriate instructional materials and resources.
 3. Providers shall provide to the Board adequate advanced promotional information, material about target audiences, program content, faculty credentials and fees.
 4. Providers shall provide a means of registration of the participants at each program and maintain a record of attendance for a period of three years from the date of the program.
 5. Providers shall develop policies and procedures for the management of grievances.
 6. Providers shall provide each participant with adequate documentation of his/her successful completion of the program. The documentation shall include:
 - (i) Name and license number of participant;
 - (ii) Name of provider;
 - (iii) Name and title of program;
 - (iv) Hours/CEU's completed;
 - (v) Date of completion; and
 - (vi) Authorizing signature.
 7. All continuing education providers seeking approval of the continuing education program by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary shall submit a Program Approval Form for each program presented. These forms should be submitted 60 days in advance.
- Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-26, 43-50-40.

700-7-.04 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education.

Effective January 1, 2010, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine in accordance with the provisions of State Law and for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards for continuing education in the best interest of and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare hereby adopts the following rule:

(a) General Requirements:

1. Each veterinary technician licensed to practice in the State of Georgia must obtain ten (10) hours of Board approved continuing education per biennium for license renewal. Of the ten (10) hours required, one (1) per renewal period must be acquired in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism. Georgia licensees who reside outside of the State of Georgia are not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
2. At the time of license renewal, each veterinary technician shall certify to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal.
3. A veterinary technician licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain five (5) hours of continuing education. A veterinary technician licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire ten (10) hours is required for each renewal.
4. In the event that a veterinary technician fails to verify or submit documentation of continuing education credits at the same time of renewal of his/her license, the Board will not process his/her renewal until continuing education requirements have been met and proof of such has been received and approved by the Board.

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6. Each veterinary technician must maintain a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of such hours for a period of three years from the date of the preceding renewal period and must provide the Board with said documentation upon request.
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Rule Waiver request from Dirck Dillehay re: Board Rule 700-7-.03. Dr. Bateman made a motion to deny. The Board states there is insufficient information concerning his hardship The Board will send a second letter suggesting that Dr. Dillehay place his license on inactive status. Dr. Malphus seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of minutes from the November 12, 2009 Conference Call Board meeting. Dr. Bohn made a motion to approve. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for approval of supervising veterinarian from Dr. Anja Bodana. Dr. Malphus made a motion to ratify the decision to deny Dr. O. Williams. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- G.A.W. – The Board requires a reinstatement application and notify him that he cannot practice as a technician until the reinstatement is completed.

Miscellaneous

- Dr. Hines asked if the law could be changed to require investigative interviews instead of making them voluntary. There were various discussions on the topic. No action was taken on the matter.
- Scott Piper of GVMA talked about practitioners from Emory University requesting LEAP exemption for the specific group of lab practitioners.
- There was general discussion concerning the relationship between the GVMA Wellness Committee and the Board. Ms. Martin provided copies of the list of approved evaluation and aftercare facilities from the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy and the form that the pharmacy board uses to consider facilities for approval. Dr. Bateman will provide a copy of the Medical Board list to Dr. Disque.

Executive Session

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the

Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion was Dr. Hines, Dr. Bateman and Dr. Bohn.

Correspondence from Dr. W.E. (Bill) Disque regarding Dr. L.C. – The Board viewed as informational.

Applications/Licensure

1. M.C. – Veterinary Technician Applicant – Dr. Bateman made a motion to approve for examination. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. M.F.L. – Veterinarian Applicant – Dr. Hines made a motion to approve under a Private Standard Impairment Consent Order for three years of aftercare including screens. The Order will require quarterly reports from the aftercare program and require that he provide copies of the order to all future employers. Dr. Bateman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
3. S.J.E.H. – Veterinary Technician Applicant – Dr. Bateman made a motion to approve for examination. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Cognizant Report – Hugh Hill, DVM and Beckey Malphus, DVM

VET070053 Board reconsidered the additional information provided. The board finds no evidence in this case that are a violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of Veterinary Medicine in Georgia. This case is closed and will be given no additional consideration by this board.

VET090128

Close with letter of concern re: substandard records – records must at a minimum contain the information as provided for in Board Rule 700-8-.01(c) also, the board further expresses its concerns over the use of gut suture material for ligation in a case where a synthetic material would have been more medically appropriate.

VET090114 – Approved request to remove Dr. G. from this case. The letter of concern should be written to both of the other docs on this case.

VET070107 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation.

VET080015 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation.

VET080079 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation

VET090087 – Close – medical care provided fell within acceptable and prevailing standard of care

VET090104 – Send for peer review – Dr. Jeff Creamer

VET090109 – Refer to the Board's attorney for:

Public CO

Findings - Substandard medical records and failure to provide acceptable care by not providing insulin in a timely manner.

\$1000 fine

5 hours of additional continuing education in internal medicine

5 hours of additional continuing education in endocrinology

VET090111 – Close – medical care provided fell within acceptable and prevailing standard of care

VET090140 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation

VET100001 – Close with letter of concern – medical treatment was acceptable but the D.V.M. should have been more attentive in updating the patient owner during treatment period.

VET100003 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation

VET100043 – Close case, flag file to assure disclose 09/09 arrest at renewal & refer to TN Board

VET100044 – Refer to the Board's attorney for:

Private Consent Order

Require 2 years monitoring

Require that D.V.M. remain in aftercare program

Submit quarterly reports from aftercare program

Provide copy of private order to employer

Must get supervisor for practice – supervisor has to be approved by board.

VET100046 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation.

VET100047 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation. OK to reinstate

VET100048 – Close for insufficient evidence to prove a violation.

VET100054 – Cease & Desist all services on animals once they are adopted

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin discussed the non-compliance of Dr. Richard Stobaeus with his consent order. Ms. Martin advised that Dr. Stobaeus is not working in an AAHA accredited clinic. The Board considered Dr. Ayers as a supervising veterinarian for Dr. Stobaeus; he is not an acceptable supervisor. The Board voted to issue a Summary Suspension on Dr. Richard Stobaeus.
- Ms. Martin presented to the Board acceptance of reinstatement Consent Order on J.N. upon receipt.
- Dr. Malphus, Ms. Hewett, Ms. Baker and Ms. Martin will have a meeting to look at the issue of allowance of Vet Techs to sit for the exam prior to graduation.
- Ms. Martin presented to the Board for acceptance of reinstatement Consent Order on H.G.
- Ms. Martin presented to the Board for acceptance of Consent Order on K.G.
- Ms. Martin presented to the Board for acceptance of Consent Order on David G. Beatie, D.V.M.

Attorney General's Report – Ms. Amelia Baker

- Ms. Baker discussed with the Board the cases in the Attorney General's office.
- Ms. Baker provided for acceptance Consent Order on Ira Roth, D.V.M.

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made in Executive Session.

Miscellaneous –

- Ms. Lagrue met with the Board to brief them on the investigative efforts of the Inspector General's Office.

- Ms. Lagrue requested that the Board vote to release the investigative report and file on Dr. M.K. Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve the release of the investigative report and file on Dr. M.K. Mr. Lance seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Board requested to add the facilities inspection report to the February agenda.
- Drs. Hines and Bohn requested the Epiware passwords be redone and sent to them by e-mail. They also requested the Epiware instructions be sent to them.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, GA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by Anita O. Martin, Executive Director